

REMARKS

In the Office Action, made final, the Examiner rejected claims 42-45 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for lacking support and commented on claim 13. Claims 1-18 and 42-45 remain in the application.

The rejection for lacking support was with respect to having "titanium" in claim 42. This was an inadvertent error in the previous amendment. This should be "lanthanum" which change has been effected by amendment.

The Examiner's comment concerning claim 13 was with respect to confusion surrounding possible amendment to claim 13. To confirm a conversation of February 10, 2003, with the Examiner, originally filed claim 13 is the proper claim and has been restated in this response.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

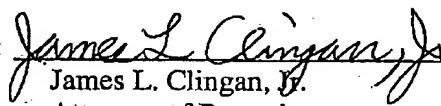
Having responded to all issues raised by the Examiner, Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully solicited. Please contact the below-signed if there are any issues regarding this communication or otherwise concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIMS - VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

42. (Amended) A semiconductor structure, comprising
a semiconductor substrate; and
a dielectric feature comprising [titanium] lanthanum, aluminum, nitrogen, and oxygen
over the semiconductor substrate.

⇒ precursor

(not necessarily a layer)